

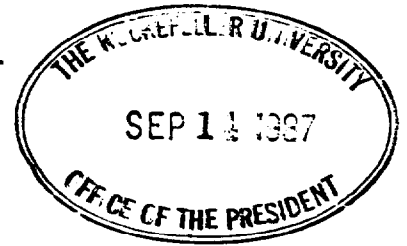
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Dear Josh:

③ Thanks very much for yours of 1 and 2 Sept. I'm very glad you're going to be willing to do a foreword. I'll send the manuscript along when it's in hand. Charles is away this month, but we're trying to have it all done by November 1. Does the Rockefeller Library have a copy of "Inborn Factors in Disease"? If not, I'll send you the one from our library if you want to look at it.

④ Thanks too for the correspondence with Scott-Moncrieff. I don't know what she means by "... forgotten and largely ignored on both sides of the Atlantic." It was certainly part of the catechism I learned at the Galton in 1952, and I recall a thin book reporting a meeting (Biochemical Society?) on the subject which must have been about 1950. She herself is mentioned in my copy of Sinnott and Dunn (1958, 5th ed.), and Olby (1974) makes a big thing of it (pp. 133-137 and 2 refs. to Scott-Moncrieff herself). Wagner and Mitchell (1955, pp. 75-85 with refs. to S-M) gives 10 pages to the work. And this doesn't begin to exhaust my own limited library. So she really has no kick. All these references accord her and her colleagues an appropriate priority.

As for your having mentioned her paper in Notes and Records -- I've looked back and don't find it. But what of it? Sooner or later it had to resurface. Wright did mention it in his 1941 paper and of course Haldane did in his 1937 one.

I'm enclosing a list of papers about Garrod, or which mention him prominently as influential in some way. Do you know of anything to add? ①

I'm also interested in the idea that this represents another of ^MWerton's multiples. Garrod - Wright - Wheldale & S.M., Beadle, and R. Williams all had ideas that had at least some similarity, some very close, and all seemed to be ②

① I'll recheck my books. Thank you

② I'll talk to Bob about that. He's heard about Garrod from me.

③ We have Inborn Errors of Metabolism 1963 (1909). [Harris]

Yes I had better look at Inborn Factors in Disease (1930) if that is the text you are editing. Can you encapsulate how it differs - or shall I see for myself

④ I agree - but not much mentioned in the 1980's


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ignorant of one another, at least for a while. I was wondering whether Merton might have included this in his list. I have a vague memory of such a list, but haven't found it. It isn't in my book of his collected papers. Does he know about Garrod et al?

Best regards,

Yours very truly,



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⑤ P.S. I can't know anything about Dalmatians.
I'll look around. Maybe some veterinarian
molecular biologist will look & see if the enzyme
gene is deleted.
I found some recent references: just look up Dalmatian in
the Sci. Cit. Index!